LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Conservation Auditorium, 1st Floor, State Land & Natural Resources Building, 625 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2000**, upon the application of **TEXACO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION INC.**

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the M-17 Stray Sand, Reservoir SO-X, in the Venice Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

- 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the above sand.
- 2. To establish a single drilling and production unit for the above sand.
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts and mineral leases and other mineral interests within the unit
- 4. To designate Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. as operator of the M-17 STRAY RSO-X SUA.
- 5. To designate Texaco's Buras Levee District No. 202 Well as the unit well for the M-17 STRAY RSO-X SUA.
- 6. To provide that any future replacement and/or alternate wells for said unit shall be exempt from the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
- 7. To provide for future reclassification of the reservoir without the necessity of a public hearing if such reclassification becomes necessary due to a change in production characteristics.
- 8. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The M-17 Stray Sand, Reservoir SO-X, in the Venice Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being that oil and gas bearing sand encountered between the electric log depths of 9,441' (9,116' TVD) and 9,472' (9,140' TVD) in the Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. - Buras Levee District No. 202 Well, located in Section 26, Township 21 South, Range 30 East.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge** and **Lafayette**, Louisiana. All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

PHILIP N. ASPRODITES COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La 9/13/00;9/16/00 L dpe

IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT <u>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</u>, <u>PERSONNEL SECTION</u> AT P.O. BOX 94396, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9396 IN WRITING OR BY TELEPHONE (225) 342-2134 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M., MONDAY THRU FRIDAY WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.